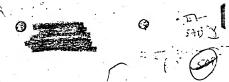
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions of MKNAOMI with

- 1. On 25 June 1975 I met with the recollections of the relationships between TSD and Ft. Detrick in the MKHADNI project. Was in TSD from 1952 until 1962, serving as Chief of the Division during the last two years of that period. The relationships of ORC and the of ORD were also present and participated in the discussions. The relationships of ORC and the relationships of ORC were also present and participated in the discussions.
- 2. It was explained that MXNAOMI had been discovered only recently as a result of personal recollections by people not directly involved and that available records left large agas in our ability to understand what had taken place. Stated that the Detrick project had been established and was used as a source of specialized technical support in the areas of BM and CM. He agreed that its origins were in the early 1950's. Its establishment was a rather natural step in view of ... OSS experience which had involved the development and use of two types of lethal tablets and other exotic weapon devices.
- 4. According to some well established guidelines for the management work in this area existed. No written records were kept; verbal communications, close assocations among the people involved, and human continuity kept the program together. Since there were swarms of requests of TSD to provide support of weird sorts which might involve this type of activity, it was agreed TSD would always respond to such requests negatively unless approval by the DDP (i.e., the Deputy Director) had been given prior to the contact. According to this rule was always followed. Normally, he was tipped off at the DDP staff meeting that someone had a need for support in this area and then arrangements were made to put.

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m in contact with the Project Officer. he Stated that in no case he could emember had any direction or requests for support come from outside the Agency.

- 5. From Secount, compartmentation was extreme. When contact was made with DDP approval, it was done with the Chief of the Chemistry Branch and was made with a way of the Chemistry Branch and was not a way and after having set up the contact. Indeed, according to his account, he was never apprised in any detail as to the specific type of support involved in specific requests though he was aware in general terms as to the types of things involved. Others in TSD apparently including all but those few officers personally involved in relations with Detrick were entirely excluded from any knowledge of these matters.
- 6. In amplifying his statement about the number of requests for support in this area, the provided a number of examples. These included suicide agents for the U-2 pilots, L-pills, means for incapacitating guards or guard dogs, material to anesthetize the inhabitants of a building so as to allow its entry, material to dissolve the Berlin Wall, aphrodisiacs for operational use, etc. He gave the impression of TSD's being besieged with wild ideas for which they were to provide the magic potion that would make them work. Few were seriously considered.
- 7. When asked directly about any knowledge he may have about specific MKNAONI support to assassination planning, support to assassination planning, support to assassination planning, support to the was evera of a whole raft of schemes relating to Castro that were discussed before and immediately after the Bay of Pigs but that he never knew which, if any were taken seriously. He did indicate, however, that some requests for support approved by the DDP had apparently involved assassination. He had no personal involvement in these or knowledge of them.
- 8. When asked about personally targeted harrassment operations, stated that he knew of none and that the use of harrassment agents had focused on breaking up meetings, affecting crowds, etc.
- 9. It was clear that -- to some extent -- MKNAOMI was wrapped up with the drug activities of MKULTRA in the recalled ULTRA as a funding mechanism that was used to handle both drug research and the first because of its sensitivity and the second because of the record that the drug activity was characterized -- like MKNAOMI -- by a strict compartmentation policy and an avoidance of creating a written record. He spoke of nearly all the drug work as having been related to interrogation uses and noted that TSD received numerous requests to find aids to the interrogation process.
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- 11. When asked about the keeping of records of MKNAOMI materials stored in TSD, he stated that it was unlikely that any very elaborate or systematic scheme was $\,$

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employed. The policy of avoiding written records would have acted against such an approach and he doubted that any real records were maintained. The hadden of the find it surprising that unexpected things had been discovered in storage in OTS: it was the nature of the business that peculiar things were kept on hand. He releted a story of finding six sticks of ancient — hence particularly dangerous — dynamite stored above the DCI's office in the Central Building.

12. In conclusion, the interview shed little new light on MKNAONI but did put the activity and the way it was managed into somewhat better perspective. Though some of what he related was surprising, it was believable. The most notable point made was the unusual — even by Agency standards — compartmentation and security maintained with regard to the Detrick project.

